

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

May 2011



May

**3: Special OLLI Art Exhibit during the Speaker series**

**4: Last day to RSVP for May 11 luncheon!**

6: Board Meeting and last day of most classes

9: Picasso Trip to Richmond, VA

**11: Spring Luncheon: noon, Kenwood Country Club**

16-20: OLLI Shorts (one week of OLLI Courses)

## OLLI Players Debut

Three cheers to the OLLI Players, who made a captivating start to their season with a Tuesday, April 26th performance of *The Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder. The cast included Stan Wolf, Stan Newman, Natalie Mulitz, Ruth Darmstadter, Carol Light, Caroline Simon, Barbara Rollinson, Don Quayle, Sid Steinitz, and Renee Taft and was directed by Carol Light. The production was lively and well-attended. Congratulations all!

## Letter from the Board Chair

### Springtime Rebirth

Our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at American University is flowering. It is year's end, and what a year it has been!

New membership records have been scaled and more courses offered than ever before. We are experiencing new events-OLLI Day Trips (to remote museums and sites), OLLI Ops (informal groups of continuing study), OLLI Players (a new playgroup happening) and OLLI "Shorts" (one-week long immersion classes in May).



From the humble beginnings of our far-sighted founders to our thriving, lively learning institute of today, we are looking forward to a year-long celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary beginning this fall. As is our OLLI tradition, we are planning special speakers and events for us all to further enjoy, share, grow and contribute together. Look forward to September.

A few weeks ago, Anne Wallace, our Executive Director, and I attended the Annual National OLLI Conference. We are one of 117 OLLIs located in every state of the union, including Hawaii and Alaska. Together, all the OLLIs have a combined membership of almost 100,000 participants. Mr. Osher graciously put his money where "we seasoned learners" are, to help support and honor our own vital growth and continuing contribution to society. Most of the OLLIs, I learned, are programs within their particular Colleges and Universities. Our own OLLI, however, is one of the very few independent, non profit 501(C)(3) corporations.

Proudly, we are responsible for our own destiny. We are thankful for the generous support we have received from the Osher Foundation. We are also fortunate to share a mutual collaboration on multiple levels with American University to the advantage of both operations.

After our OLLI June speaker program, we mostly disperse until the fall. Since this is the end of my term, and my last newsletter contribution, I wish to use this opportunity to thank you all for making this year such



## Spring Luncheon

Will be at noon on **May 11 at the Kenwood Country Club.**

Please mail a check for \$36/person with your name. Or, you may leave the check in the lucite box in the Temple Baptist Church. There are forms at the Church as well.

**Please RSVP by May 4.**



## Big History

In preparing a discussion group on "Big History", Rene Springuel has prepared an eight page summary of "Maps of Time" by David Christian, that will be the basis of the group discussions in the fall. Rene will email that summary quickly to any OLLI member who expresses interest.

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## Thanks

Thanks to Coralie Bryant and Van Ooms for donating their class gifts to OLLI.

## Congratulations!

Sharon Helgason Gallagher

an enriching, vibrant, educating, heartfelt, exciting and expanding experience. I can not say enough.

I wish to thank, personally, so much, Anne Wallace, Lena Frumin, and Chris Chinn, who so securely and energetically have been there every day for all of us. I am grateful to the Board members who, with Anne, tirelessly fire up the policy and support for our operations, and put out fires that require wisdom to guide us over the whole year. And to so many of you, who volunteered your time and energy to make our many committees, functions and programs work so well for all of us, I give you a most major OLLI "salud" for a job, better even than well done.

Separately, I must say to all Study Group Leaders (SGLs), our pro bono talented masters, who are the heart, the intellect and the deliverers of OLLI education to the promised land of curiosity and understanding, "The force is with you." We appreciate your love and dedication to giving and learning.

Again, I thank you all. Keep up your learning, living, loving and laughing. I look forward to seeing you again and again and again,

--Ed Goldin

## June Speaker Series

We have a terrific June Speaker Series which spans an unusual five weeks. Special thanks to speaker coordinator Martha Horne for her work arranging the series. If you have suggestions of other dynamic speakers, please let [Martha](#) know.

The series is Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings in June beginning with a very special concert on **May 31** performed by pianists Samuel Oram and Shou Ping Liu. The series will be held at the Katzen Arts Center from 10-11:50 am. Park in the Katzen garage at \$1.50/hour. American University will be selling discounted parking passes at \$50 (instead of \$75) for the 5-week series. Or you may park behind the Temple Baptist Church and walk over behind Nebraska Hall. **If you have registered your car with AU's public safety service since Fall 2010 you don't need to reregister, but if you have not, please call 202.885.3111 or email [dpscustomerservice@american.edu](mailto:dpscustomerservice@american.edu) and give them your name, phone number, email, car make/color and car license/state.**

(daughter of Jacqui and Bill Gallagher), President and Publisher of ARTBOOK | D.A.P. was honored as one of the 30 most influential women in the arts on Saturday, April 16th at a gala at The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

## OLLI Summer Stock



## OLLI PLAYERS SUMMER STOCK

### Omission

**Vee Burke's** information was omitted from the Directory. Her email is vee.burke@verizon.net and phone is 202-537-1016

#### Quick Links

[OLLI Website](#)

[American University Website](#)

[AU Library Classes Website](#)

[AU Community Relations Website](#)

**Organizational Meeting Wednesday, May 18**  
**Temple Baptist Church Room 5, 1:00- 3:00 PM**  
**RSVP to [olliplayers@gmail.com](mailto:olliplayers@gmail.com)**

Come on the Wednesday of OLLI Shorts week to discuss having a fun-only (no productions) Summer Stock season of OLLI Players.

We're thinking about having a once-a-week or once-every-other week "drop-in" sessions during which OLLI Players can just show up and join an ongoing play reading. Should we do a movie script like *Duck Soup*? An unproduced movie melodrama by Raymond Chandler? A Classic American drama like *Our town*? Or perhaps something lighter like Eugene O'Neil's *Ah Wilderness*?

Come and help decide. RSVP to [olliplayers@gmail.com](mailto:olliplayers@gmail.com) to be kept up to date on latest developments.

--Carol Light

### Art Exhibit

**OLLI member Carol Radin** is exhibiting a series of calabash shell masks at Watergate Gallery. The masks incorporate a variety of natural and man-made materials which have been collected over decades. The show closes on May 7. Carol is offering a special opportunity for OLLI members to see her work on Sat. May 7 from 12-2 pm. [carolradin@aol.com](mailto:carolradin@aol.com) , or 202-338-0607.



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